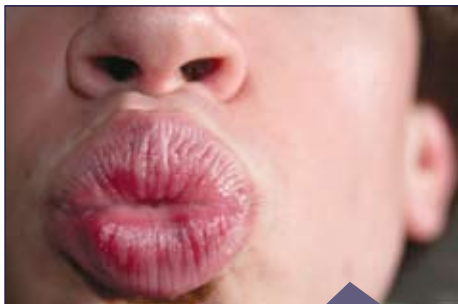


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State of the City Dinner

AISD Superintendent Meria Castarphen headlines the evening, which begins at 6:30 p.m. in the UT Club of the Darrel K Royal-Texas Memorial Stadium. RSVP required.

Rivalry

UT men's basketball faces the Aggies at the Frank Erwin Center at 8 p.m. in their first meeting of the season. The women's team will play at College Station.

'Strange Beautiful Music'

Instrumental rocker Joe Satriani takes the stage at the Paramount Theatre at 8 p.m. Ticket prices start at \$38.

Step to it

Longhorn Salsa hosts an open house to introduce interested students to the organization and teach dance steps at 8 p.m. in the Texas Union Ballroom.

Campus watch

Underage revelry

Jester West Dormitory

Nine students received charges of Possession of Alcohol by a Minor after a UT staff member discovered them inside an 8th floor dormitory room. During the Housing And Food investigation all nine students were uncooperative and refused to comply until the Hall Coordinator notified UTPD. Their alcohol was poured out and the students received a referral to the Dean of Students from H&F.

Today in history

In 1809

Author and poet Edgar Allen Poe was born in Boston, Mass.



Quote to note

"Whatever it takes for my team to get rolling I'm going to do it. I think my voice helps during the game. I'm trying to be that extra man to look at if everything's not right."

— J'Covan Brown
Longhorn shooting guard

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Court decision defends race as factor in admissions policy

By Matthew Stottlemire
Daily Texan Staff

UT can continue to use race as a factor in freshman admissions after the 5th Circuit Court of Appeals handed down a ruling Tuesday that affirmed the policy's constitutionality.

Two white female students denied admission to UT in 2008 filed the case Abigale Fisher, et al. v. State of Texas, et al., but they lost the case in 2009 in a ruling by Austin District Judge Sam Sparks. A panel of three circuit court judges denied their appeal Tuesday. The plaintiffs could potentially appeal to the U.S. Supreme Court, but there is no

guarantee the case will be heard.

In its decision, the court ruled UT adhered to legal standards set out in Grutter v. Bollinger, a 2003 U.S. Supreme Court case that allowed the use of race as a factor for admission to the University of Michigan's Law School. The ruling applies only to UT's admission policies in 2008 when the plaintiffs sought admission.

According to the court's ruling, the plaintiffs argued UT's top-10 percent admission rule provided a race-neutral alternative to increase minority enrollment. The court held the top-10 percent rule does not effectively ensure diversity.

"While the law may have contributed to an increase in overall mi-

nority enrollment, those minority students remain clustered in certain programs, limiting the beneficial effects of educational diversity," Circuit Judge Patrick Higginbotham wrote in his ruling on the Fisher appeal. The top-10 percent rule has since been limited to guarantee admission for only up to 75 percent of incoming freshmen.

"In an effort to ensure representation of minorities, the law school sought to enroll a 'critical mass' of minority students, which would result in increased minority engagement in the classroom and enhanced

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UT President William Powers Jr. and other representatives from the University met outside the 5th Circuit Court of Appeals in New Orleans following a court case in August. The case dealt with how UT plans to treat the issue of race and ethnicity in undergraduate admissions.

Erika Rich
Daily Texan Staff

INAUGURATION 2011



Linda Ahren and Amber Orand listen to Governor Rick Perry's third inauguration speech from the South Mall of the State Capitol on Tuesday morning. Perry originally served as George W. Bush's Lt. Governor and replaced him following the 2000 presidential election.

Photos by Tamir Kalifa | Daily Texan Staff

Gov. Perry begins third term, emphasizes Texas' prosperity

By Melissa Ayala

Gov. Rick Perry ushered in his unprecedented third term Tuesday with an inaugural address calling for Texans to pick up where the federal government has fallen short — specifically, the national budget and border security.

He emphasized the strength the state has maintained during the recession and encouraged the state to stay in the lead. He said that Texas has fared better than most states in employment and development. According to the U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics, Texas created more than 850,000 jobs since Perry first took

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Gov. Rick Perry delivers his inauguration speech, commending the resilience of Texans and thanking his family as well as veterans. Hundreds gathered on the overcast and brisk morning to attend the ceremony and a special barbeque that followed.

DWI penalties could change for first-time offenders

By Allison Kroll
Daily Texan Staff

The penalties for first-time Driving While Intoxicated offenders may change this year as the result of a plan supported by a group of lawyers and Mothers Against Drunk Driving.

State Rep. Todd Smith, R-Euless, filed a bill in November 2010 which could ease first-time offenders away from the courts and allow them to avoid jail time by receiving treatment and requiring alcohol ignition interlocks, — breath test devices linked to the vehicle's ignition — for their cars.

"This bill is a step in the right direction for law enforcement in Texas," said MADD spokesman Toni Logan. "It provides all the optimism for rehabilitation without the concern of giving them a free pass."

MADD supports the legislation because it's not a typical deferred adjudication bill, Logan said. She said it includes requirements for all first-time offenders to have an ignition interlock installed in their vehicles and ensures that the offense goes on their record. When an individual blows into the device, the car will not start unless the driver's blood alcohol content is below the legal level of .08, according to MADD's website.

"You have to address behavioral causes, or at some point they'll do it again," Logan said. "We have to take a step back and look at the individual in order to help them recover."

According to the MADD website, Texas is the fifth highest-ranking state in the nation in the number of DWIs reported and is home to 124,662

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UTPD unit promotes justice with pizza

By Allison Kroll
Daily Texan Staff

After information provided by the Co-op to a University Police Department crime prevention initiative led to the arrest of a textbook thief over winter break, the department will expand the program to include more than students.

The Hungry for Justice program, created by UTPD's Crime Prevention Unit, allows members of the UT community to receive rewards for any information that leads to the apprehension of a criminal.

The unit developed the program in 2007 and it provides individuals with pizza if they report information that leads to the criminal's capture. Students can report any tips to the Crime Prevention Unit or any UTPD officer.

UTPD Officer Paul Maslyk said students helped in about three incidenc-

"It's helping the students become more aware of their surroundings, and that way we can help stop more crimes from occurring."

— Paul Maslyk, UTPD officer

es in 2010.

"The program is going very well,"

Maslyk said. "It's helping the students become more aware of their surroundings, and that way we can help stop more crimes from occurring. Theft is the biggest issue on campus, and if students know what to look out for, they can also keep track of their own belongings."

About 500 thefts occurred on campus from January to December 2010, according to UTPD crime statistics. Items regularly stolen include bicycles, laptops, iPods and textbooks. Anything that gets the students involved in crime prevention will be effective, and UTPD has seen it become a success when students were rewarded with pizzas after helping police catch

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Researchers address academic inequality in university system

By Matthew Stottlemire
Daily Texan Staff

Undergraduate students may not be learning higher-level thinking skills such as complex reasoning and written communication that college students should master, according to a book by two sociology professors.

The book, "Academically Adrift: Limited Learning on College Campuses," by Richard Arum of

New York University and Josipa Roksa of the University of Virginia claims the university system in the U.S. fails to focus on undergraduate education.

"No actors in the system are primarily interested in undergraduates' academic growth, although many are interested in student retention and persistence," the book says.

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CORRECTIONS

Because of a reporting error, Tuesday's page-one news story about the MLK Day community march should have said Brenda Burt works with the Department of African and African Diaspora Studies.

Because of a reporting error, Tuesday's page-one news story about the new Student Activity Center misspelled the name of Marcus Cenicerios.

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Do you want to see my high school newspapers?

SCHOOL OF WIGCRAFT AND WIGGERY



Katherine Walker browses the expansive selection of wigs at Sunny's Wigs located on Airport Boulevard. Many women choose to wear wigs as a convenient alternative to styling their own.

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Paul Woodruff, dean of Undergraduate Studies, said UT began to require signature courses for some students in 2005 and now requires them for all undergraduates to ensure they receive the broad higher-thinking and writing skills "Academically Adrift" addresses. He said the University is also beginning to develop a Course Transformation Program this month to introduce the latest teaching methods and technologies to classroom.

"The trend these days is to present content to students outside the classroom and use the lectures for more creative critical thinking skills," Woodruff said. "Just listening to lectures is not particularly beneficial."

The book's findings are based in part on analysis of the Collegiate Learning Assessment, which the New York-based nonprofit Council for Aid to Education conducts. The standardized test assesses gains in general critical thinking skills by testing representative samples of students at different stages in their undergraduate studies, organization president Roger Benjamin said.

"Assessments are only one take, and you need to focus on curriculum reform and focus on the way you teach," Benjamin said. "Some appropriate standard assessment is necessary because it gives you an indication of how you are doing."

The book also addresses inequality along racial and family background lines. It is generally accepted that students' backgrounds affect their academic ability when they enter college, said Kevin Cokley, associate professor of educational psychology and African and African Diaspora studies.

"There are a number of risk factors that negatively impact the performance and academic skills of African-American students at all levels of education," Cokley said. "These risk factors include poverty or lower socioeconomic status, poor school quality and lower parental education. It should be emphasized that these inequalities are due primarily to social and environmental factors, and not innate deficits of African-Americans."

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bicycle thieves, Maslyk said. I think the program is a promising step and a good idea," said UTPD Officer Scott Rhoads. "Our Crime Prevention Unit tries to get the word out there about it. I don't know if all 50,000 students at UT are informed, but a good majority of them are. That will help prevent more thefts."

In the textbook theft incident over the break, the Co-op's loss prevention department provided UTPD with photos and footage of the individual by tracking him through cameras

around the store, Maslyk said. "We like to be able to help UTPD out with textbook thefts, and a program like this makes people more prepared when thefts occur," said Daniel Berumen, Co-op loss prevention and operations manager. "It helps stop theft on campus, in West Campus and other areas surrounding the University."

The Co-op loss prevention department provides a service for not only students but also faculty and staff by seeking out suspicious activity throughout the store and attempting to help University law enforcement, he said.

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minority contributions to the character of the School," Higginbotham wrote. "The Grutter Court endorsed this goal, holding that diversity, including seeking a critical mass of minority students, is 'a compelling state interest that can justify the use of race in university admissions.'"

The court found that UT began addressing race "as but one of many considerations" in its admission process in 2004. UT implemented this policy more than a year after the Grutter ruling, and after the Board of Regents commissioned two studies into whether the university system was enrolling enough minority students to ensure diversity. The studies resulted in the consideration of race to promote diversity in the undergraduate student body.

UT's Vice President for Legal Affairs, Patricia Ohlendorf, declined to comment in detail because she had not yet fully reviewed the court's opinions.

"I can tell you that the University is very pleased that the 5th Circuit Court of Appeals affirmed Federal District Judge Sam Sparks' 2009 grant of summary judgment for the University," Ohlendorf said. "The University has maintained our admissions policy is constitutional and follows the guidance given by the U.S. Supreme Court in Grutter v. Bol-

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people who committed three or more DWIs in the past year. Logan said the new legislation does not apply to DWI offenders who have injured or killed anyone.

"I've seen more innocent people die from DWI collisions than any other way," said UT Police Department Chief Robert Dahlstrom. "I've seen it happen over and over. [DWIs] will only not be a significant issue when there are no more DWIs on the road."

Between January and Octo-

ber 2010, campus police reported about 65 DWIs in UTPD-enforced areas, compared to 123 for all of 2009, according to UTPD's crime statistics.

"When I was on the street, our officers were beginning to receive better training on recognizing DWIs," Halstead said. "They're hitting the streets better educated than they used to be, and that's a promising step."

Austin Police are currently waiting for the bill to go to the

floor for debate before discussion can commence on whether they support it, said Austin Police Department Lt. Derek Galloway.

"We understand that people make mistakes, and we don't want to hang them out to dry," Galloway said. "As law enforcement, we have to look at a bill, talk about it and decide if we can live with it. We have to be able to ensure that the citizens will be safe, and we will do everything we can to make sure that happens."

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Six more states join in lawsuit to repeal health care legislation

PENSACOLA, Fla. — Six more states joined a lawsuit in Florida against President Obama's health care overhaul on Tuesday, meaning more than half of the country is challenging the law.

The six additional states, all with Republican attorneys general, joined Florida and 19 others in the legal action, Florida Attorney General Pam Bondi said.

The states claim the health care law is unconstitutional and violates people's rights by forcing them to buy health insurance by 2014 or face penalties.

Joining the coalition in the Florida case were: Iowa, Kansas, Maine, Ohio, Wisconsin and Wyoming.

The other states that are suing are Alabama, Alaska, Arizona, Colorado, Georgia, Indiana, Idaho, Louisiana, Michigan, Mississippi, Nebraska, Nevada, North Dakota, Pennsylvania, South Carolina, South Dakota, Texas, Utah and Washington.

— The Associated Press

Tunisia struggles through governmental transition

By **Bouazza Ben Bouazza & Hadeel Al-Shalchi**
The Associated Press

TUNIS, Tunisia — At least four opposition ministers quit Tunisia's day-old unity government Tuesday, aligning themselves with demonstrators who insist democratic change is impossible while so many supporters of the freshly ousted president are hoarding posts of power.

Police in riot gear forcefully put down a demonstration of the sort that toppled the North African country's longtime autocratic leader last week, pummeling a demonstrator with batons and boot kicks — and highlighting a question on many minds: Is the new regime really much different?

As Tunisia struggles to move past the rioting, looting and score-settling that has marked the political transition, there was a growing

sense Tuesday that it will be difficult for the interim government to hold together and pave the way toward elections expected within six to seven months.

After the initial exhilaration of last week, when a populist uprising ousted President Zine El Abidine Ben Ali after 23 years in power and sent him fleeing to Saudi Arabia — sounding a warning bell for other political strongmen in the region — many are fretting about what it ultimately meant.

"I am afraid that our revolution will be stolen from me and my people. The people are asking for freedoms and this new government is not. They are the ones who oppressed the people for 23 years," said Ines Mawdud, a 22-year-old student who was among protesters at the demonstration.

Tunisia's outlawed Ennahdha Islamist party said its members also marched Tuesday — something that was unthinkable during the rule of Ben Ali, who banned the group in 1992 and waged an ongoing crackdown against it. Authorities had accused the group of forming a military wing to kill Ben Ali and establish a Muslim fundamentalist state. Group leaders said their confessions were extracted through torture.

Hamadi Jebali, a spokesman for the party, told The Associated Press it wants "a chance to let the people of Tunisia choose their leaders and to have a chance to accept or reject us via the polls."

Ben Ali was often criticized for a heavy-handed crackdown on Islamists and opponents, for curbing civil liberties and for running a police state — though he was praised for turning his country into a successful tourist haven and was an ally in the U.S. fight against terrorism.

In an attempt to distance them-



Christophe Ena | Associated Press

Protestors hold bread as they face riot police officers during a demonstration against the Constitutional Democratic Rally (RCD) party of Ben Ali in the center of Tunis. The bread reportedly accompanied chants from the gathered protestors of, "We can live on bread and water ... but not with the RCD."

selves from Ben Ali, the country's interim president and prime minister quit the ruling Constitutional

more than 20 years of exile in France to a joyful reception at Tunis' airport from supporters who

their efforts to bring down Ben Ali's party.

"Don't let anyone steal this blessed revolution from you," Marzouki said, adding: "Don't waste the blood of our martyrs." That was a reference to the 78 protesters and civilians who died in the protests that swept Ben Ali from power. Many were killed by police bullets.

In another blow to the Mediterranean country, whose economy is heavily dependent on tourism, several European tour operators said they have canceled trips to Tunisia through mid-February due to safety concerns.

U.S. State Department spokesman P.J. Crowley said that about 70 U.S. citizens, including officials and private citizens, were flown out of Tunis today to Rabat, Morocco.

The people are asking for freedoms and this new government is not.

— Ines Mawdud, Protester

Democratic Rally party (RCD) party on Tuesday. The RCD party also kicked out Ben Ali, its founder, national television reported.

Also Tuesday, political leader Moncef Marzouki returned from

carried him on their shoulders.

Marzouki, a physician and human rights activist who leads the once-banned CPR party and wants to run for president, urged fellow Tunisians to hold firm in

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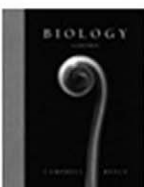


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VIEWPOINT

Considering political speech in the wake of a tragedy

Robert J. Birgeneau, the Chancellor of UC-Berkeley, sent out a school wide e-mail on Jan. 10 discussing the recent shooting in Tucson, Ariz. While the events had only transpired 48 hours prior, apparently Birgeneau had gathered enough perspective to pinpoint the cause of the shooting. Even while details about the shooter and his background were still trickling out, like many in the media, Birgeneau pointed to an unhealthy political climate typified by hyperbolic distortions and vicious character attacks. However, Birgeneau took his analysis a step further and held up a single policy issue as the cause of the shooting. In his e-mail, Birgeneau writes, "I believe that it is not a coincidence that this calamity has occurred in a state which has legislated discrimination against undocumented persons" and goes on to call such legislation "mean-spirited xenophobia."

The response to Birgeneau's e-mails was almost universally negative from both ends of the political spectrum. While many politicians and members of the media immediately called on their peers to tone down the hateful language, few engaged in the type of finger pointing Birgeneau employed. Additionally, as more information about the shooter and his possible motives has become available, there has been no evidence linking him in any way to recent controversy over immigration and S.B. 1070 in Arizona.

But what makes Birgeneau's e-mail so alarming is not the fact that he blatantly and immediately attempted to politicize a national tragedy. Rather, it is Birgeneau's position of power as a university administrator.

By singling out the immigration issue, Birgeneau is making a political statement. Later in his e-mail Birgeneau writes, "On our own campus, and throughout all the campuses of the University of California, we must continue to work toward a climate of equity and inclusion...We must be vigilant to condemn

hate speech."

Birgeneau does not state his position on the immigration debate outright, but such a stance is certainly implied. One might wonder how Birgeneau would react to a student or group protesting against illegal immigration or in support of legislation like Arizona's S.B. 1070. Would such a position constitute "hate speech" in the eyes of Birgeneau and his administration? If so, they would certainly consider it justifiable to restrict such speech since, after all, "A climate in which demonization of others goes unchallenged and hateful speech is tolerated can lead to such a tragedy." Chancellor Birgeneau is not alone in his opinion on the immigration issue; many Americans across the country protested against the discriminatory legislation last year. However, by using his official position within the University to play politics, he threatens student liberties.

University administrators across the country are often presented with the task of fostering an environment of inclusivity while still allowing students their constitutional rights to freedom of speech and assembly. Yet, this power can be used to stifle discourse.

UT has a long history of using bureaucratic procedures to limit or silence student expression, harkening back to the 1960s and '70s when then-Regent Frank Erwin was notorious for trying to stop student protests amid the new "counter-culture" movement. Luckily for students, today's administration does not employ the same coercive tactics. But there are still currently several mechanisms in place through which administrators can check or limit student expression. For instance, student organizations that wish to assemble in public are restricted to certain "free speech zones" and often must reserve a meeting space ahead of time, and they must obtain advance permission when bringing a guest speaker to campus — all of which require approval by the Dean of



Morry Gash | Associated Press

A picture of Rep. Gabrielle Giffords, D-Ariz., is seen at a makeshift memorial in front of the University Medical Center in Tucson, Ariz.

Students office.

And, like many universities across the country, including UC-Berkeley, UT has institutional rules prohibiting speech that constitutes harassment or "hate speech." According to UT's rules, harassment is defined as conduct that creates "an objectively hostile environment that interferes or diminishes" an individual's ability to participate in University activities. The issue here is that the burden is on University administrators to determine what they deem to be "objectively hostile," making any such judgment inherently subjective.

While we certainly don't want a hostile learning environment for students, it is just as important to uphold our freedom of expression. Colleges and universities are meant to

provide an arena for ideas and give students the freedom to debate the merits of a variety of positions and philosophies. Bureaucratic procedures can place limits on student expression for students at either end of the political spectrum. We don't need University officials judging whether students or groups have the right to voice an opinion, whether that's the Young Conservatives or jella pelea!

Students must be vigilant against attempts by administrators to restrict student expression, especially under the guise of protecting their own welfare. We cannot let well-intentioned policies become a tool for pushing a political agenda — not in California, not in Texas, not anywhere.

— Dave Player for the editorial board

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Protect our classrooms

By John Woods
Daily Texan Guest Columnist

I was a student at Virginia Tech when the worst school shooting in American history came to pass. I lost the girl I loved to a suicidal, angry individual.

Since then, bills have been introduced consistently in both the Virginia General Assembly and the Texas Legislature that would arm students. In the former state, the bills have failed repeatedly because the survivors of the Virginia Tech shooting are uniformly opposed to what they see as a potentially dangerous legislative platitude. Yet lawmakers here in Texas continue to push for guns on campus, saying they want to "prevent another Virginia Tech," despite the repudiation of that argument by the shooting survivors.

The gun lobby has long argued that mass shooters exclusively target "gun-free zones" and, confusingly, that the presence of firearms can deter suicidal individuals. The firearms industry maintains this argument even in the face of the Jan. 8 shooting in Tucson that nearly took the life of Rep. Gabrielle Giffords. Arizona allows the concealed carry of firearms without any background check or permit. Indeed, Giffords is herself the owner of a Glock handgun. Whether or not the attacker was suicidal, it appears that the threat of "defensive" gunfire had no deterrent effect.

Shootings have more in common with ambushes than duels — and in an ambush, it doesn't matter how the victims are armed. Two of my martial arts students died in the Virginia Tech shooting; neither had a chance even to stand up, and one never saw her killer enter the room. Guns would not have saved them if they didn't have time to move. So, we must begin to ask ourselves: What do we do for those who can't simply get strapped, such as 9-year-old Tucson victim Christina Green?

The gun lobby is using a bait-and-switch tactic. The National Rifle Association slowly picks away at popular gun control measures, obscures statistics from the public view under the guise of privacy and resists the closing of loopholes, arguing that requiring

background checks at gun shows is too inconvenient. Then, when a major tragedy occurs, the NRA simply claims that gun control doesn't work. Yet we see clear evidence that it does work in the U.K., where the homicide rate is one-fourth of that seen in America.

The NRA claims that mass shooters love gun-free zones. Mass shooters do not target gun-free zones because they lack guns. They target gun-free zones because such places are considered sanctuaries. The shooter at my alma mater wanted to take away our feeling of safety in classrooms.

A rational look at the statistics shows that even counting Virginia Tech and Northern Illinois University, we remain safe in classrooms. According to a Department of Justice study, 93 percent of violent crimes against students happen off campus. Indeed, the University of Texas at Austin has experienced only three homicides in the last 30 years. I cannot imagine improving that rate by adding guns, except perhaps in the hands of professional law enforcement officers.

Alas, the Legislature appears set to replace police officers with armed undergraduates. The budget shortfall all but guarantees doom for higher education, and our peace officers are already underpaid compared to their off-campus counterparts.

At the same time, two bills have been introduced (H.B. 86 and S.B. 354) which would effectively deputize and arm students with only about a day's worth of training. Currently the law requires that such individuals be 21, but a recently filed court case in Lubbock is likely to change the minimum age to 18.

Only one in four Texans support the two bills, but the ratio in the Legislature seems to be around one in two.

While most of the few students who support the legislation have good intentions, it is worth acknowledging that people make a lot of mistakes in college — and it is best to make these mistakes without a firearm in hand. I hope Texas will join me, along with the survivors of the Virginia Tech shooting, in protecting the sanctuaries that are our classrooms.

Woods is a cell and molecular biology graduate student.

Strong economy, art scene draws young people to city

By Amy Thornton
Daily Texan Staff

A strong economy, a vibrant arts scene and high quality of life have always drawn young people to Austin. The growing number of new Austin residents has placed the city first in drawing young Americans, replacing Riverside, Calif., as the most popular destination for young people in the country.

“We have certainly seen anecdotal evidence of this growing population,” said city of Austin spokesman Matt Curtis. “For the last several years, I have noticed an increase of activity in the city — particularly in terms of community events like volunteering and fundraising — done by young professionals and geared toward young professionals.”

According to studies conducted by a public policy think tank, the Brookings Institution, between 2007 and 2009, young people ages 25-34 opted to move to Austin instead of previously popular cities such as Phoenix, Atlanta and Houston.

“I really like Austin because it is so unique and there is always something to do,” said former Michigan resident Anna Deaton. “My sister lived here, and I used to love coming to visit her, so I decided to move, too. It’s a nice change from the cold.”

Though migration slowed greatly during the recession, William Frey from the Brookings Institution found that cities that remained economically vibrant — such as Dallas, Austin and Seattle — were at the top of the list.

“Austin is attractive for everyone,

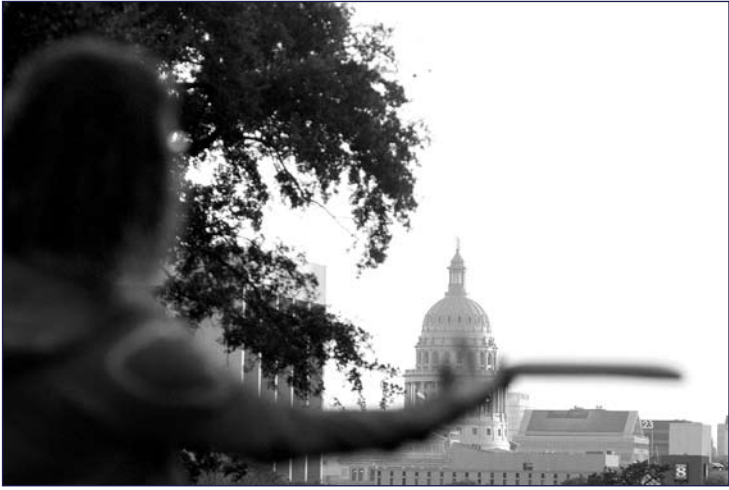
and it’s easy for young professionals to come because of the job creation and quality of life,” Curtis said. “Young people want to go where there are more young people, and we have a fairly young demographic here.”

Aside from the unique artistic lifestyle, the city’s economic growth during the recession has been cited as a main attraction. During the difficult recession years in 2009 and 2010, Austin created jobs and enjoyed the expansion of companies such as Facebook, Samsung and SunPower.

“Traditionally, the strength of the Austin economy was educated young people, especially in the engineering and sciences,” said Robert Wilson, an urban policy professor and member of the UT Population Research Center. “I think what has happened now is the economy has grown so much that UT itself has not been able to produce enough graduates to keep up. And for reasons that include lifestyle and city personality, the job creation has attracted more people.”

Wilson cites the presence of small businesses and qualified people in Austin as a motivator for businesses to move to the city. Wilson addressed concerns many longtime residents had about the city maintaining its personality with the introduction of so many new faces.

“Cities change and are dynamic. You could say the city has become more cosmopolitan,” said Wilson, an Austin resident since 1979. “But it’s also true that the city has become more diversified, and this diversity will continue.”



Shannon Kintner | Daily Texan Staff
Music studies freshman Marshall Tidrick throws a frisbee to a friend on the South Mall. Tidrick is one of the many young people who moved to Austin because “it’s a fun place to be.”



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Immigration attorney Mark E. Harrington lectures to foreign-born scientists seeking to continue research in the United States. Harrington explains how the process of immigration for these scientists is extremely competitive.

Scientists face immigration complications

Texas attorney, association discuss positive solutions for international scholars

By Lauren Giudice
Daily Texan Staff

The complicated immigration system in the United States can create hurdles for international scientists hoping to conduct research here, postdoctoral fellows learned in a presentation Tuesday.

Attorney Mark Harrington, chairman of the State Bar of Texas Committee on Laws Relating to Immigration and Nationality, visited UT to talk about immigration law and how it applies to international scientists attempting to research in the United States. Board members of the School of Biological Sciences Postdoctoral Association chose to have Harrington speak because of the strong international presence in their organization, they said.

“Being an international myself, I think it was very helpful,” said neurobiology postdoctoral fellow San-geetha Iyer from India.

“We got a lot of information out of it. It gives some clarity about how to go about the immigration process. Immigration in academia is not as well etched out as industries.”

Iyer said the information Harrington told the audience will help her in the future.

Harrington discussed various cases he has worked on throughout his career and told the audience about different immigration options for foreign-born scientists. These include petitions by American researchers or by employers, and others that require the international researchers be at the top of their fields to earn consideration.

Although the different petitions require various criteria, it helps cases to have peer-re-

viewed journal articles, citations of your work by other researchers and other proof of extensive work experience in a field, Harrington said.

“Immigration officers look for non-scientific data about your research,” Harrington said. “Letters of recommendation, especially from independent researchers, people who you have never worked with, are very helpful.”

Controversial domestic politics hide the fact that the U.S. has a cultural advantage over any other country, he said.

“The U.S. is still unquestionably the most open society you can imagine,” Harrington said. “That is a competitive advantage we have.”

He said immigration policy in

D.C. goes beyond disputes between Democrats and Republicans.

“Immigration is a difficult topic because there is always the question: ‘Are you taking some American’s job?’ As unemployment gets higher and higher, it becomes more difficult for immigrants,” Harrington said.

“Over 50 percent of our members are international postdocs,” said postdoctoral fellow Deborah Watson, who is a member of the association that hosted Harrington. “Coming from a non-international student background, I had no idea how big of a deal this process is. I will probably be employing international scholars and postdocs so for me it opened my eyes and I learned a lot.”

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Similar language use predicts compatibility in relationships

By Lauren Giudice
Daily Texan Staff

Similar word usage and speaking patterns between two people is a powerful predictor of how compatible they are, a recent UT study shows.

Psychology Department Chair James Pennebaker and his researchers looked at transcripts of a speed dating study at Northwestern University. The researchers used a computer analysis program to examine the language of the two people as they conversed.

"If people are matching at this low-level language use, we can actually predict if they're going to go on a second date faster

and more accurately than the people themselves do," Pennebaker said.

Pennebaker said people are often attracted to people who talk like them, and when a person is attracted to someone they begin to talk like them.

"Once you sit down and start talking to somebody that you find interesting or attractive, you start paying closer attention to them," Pennebaker said. "The closer you pay attention, the more you start to mimic them. When we are attracted to somebody, we start talking like them, and we are more likely to be attracted to people

who talk like us in the first place."

The study looked at language style matching words. Psychology professor Sam Gosling said these are function words, prepositions, pronouns and articles. People often don't think about them, but they have a strong psychological impact on us, Gosling said.

"These function words constitute a very large proportion of the words we speak," Gosling said.

“We are more likely to be attracted to people who talk like us ...

—James Pennebaker,
Psychology department chair

Gosling said Pennebaker's research reveals that there is a deep psychological level on which people connect.

"We don't have very good intuition about what we want, as much research has shown," Gosling said. "We don't really know how we will get

along with people, and what is really great about this is that [language style matching] seems to be this tool that allows us to be able to understand and predict how people are connecting, even if they themselves don't have a good idea about it."

Linguistics associate professor David Beaver said others do not only affect people's language in the long term but that it is also common for people to mimic behavior and language in shorter terms.

"Even in short conversation, people will tend to style match," Beaver said.

the science of chemistry



Book sheds light on study of smooches

By Michelle Truong
Daily Texan Staff

Kissing is a nearly global practice, with estimates showing that about 90 percent of the world's population partake. A UT researcher's new book helps unlock the scientific mysteries behind the practice of locking lips.

Sheril Kirshenbaum's new book, "The Science of Kissing: What Our Lips Are Telling Us," came out Jan. 5. Kirshenbaum, a research associate at UT's Center for International Energy and Environmental Policy and science writer, wrote a blog post for Discover magazine three years ago that evolved into a new book she said explores a topic studied sporadically.

"I realized it's a wonderful subject — a near-universal human behavior that can be explored from lots of lenses: anthropology, endocrinology, neuroscience and even history and culture," Kirshenbaum said.

Kirshenbaum's blog post received widespread attention, and the American Association for the Advancement of Science invited her to help organize a symposium on the science of kissing at the organization's annual meeting.

In her book, Kirshenbaum details her research on theories of the origin and evolutionary significance of kissing, the biological, chemical and psychological nature of the kiss, the role it plays in relationships and how the kiss will evolve in an increasingly digitized world.

"A kiss is a powerful experience and acts like a natural drug in our bodies and brains," she said about the biological and chemical factors.

Kirshenbaum's studies of primary scientific literature and collaborations with neuroscientists show



Photo illustration by Andrew Torrey | Daily Texan Staff
A study conducted at Butler University shows that most people remember their first kiss in greater detail than the first time they have sex.

kissing is associated with a rise in chemicals in the brain called neurotransmitters. These include dopamine, responsible for feelings of craving and desire, and oxytocin, responsible for strong feelings of attachment. The act of kissing helps humans find suitable partners and commit to each other to reproduce.

One's first kiss is among the most vivid of memories — even more so than their first sexual experience — with people able to recount up to 90 percent of the details, according to a research conducted by psychologist John Bohannon at Butler University. Bohannon found that it did not matter whether the kiss had taken place two months or two decades ago, both partners were more likely

to remember similar details.

"There's been this idea of 'flashbulb memories' and any really strong, personally relevant situation seems to imprint itself very strongly in our memories," said UT psychology professor Art Markman, citing examples such as the Kennedy assassination and 9/11.

Markman said in significant emotional situations, such as the first kiss, people are unable to think through the details in the heat of the moment. He said the brain captures powerful and detailed memories, creating the opportunity to go back later and effectively process the experience. This processing enables individuals to better anticipate equally emotional experiences in the future.

Although her first kiss was nearly a decade ago, biology sophomore Kylee Walter said she clearly remembers it.

"I remember it because I was anxious and nervous and with all the emotions, it's just something you remember," Walter said. "I also remember it because the first kiss is like a milestone in life."

Knowledge of the science of kissing can help college students in future partnerships, Kirshenbaum said.

"Kissing matters tremendously in our significant relationships and not just the romantic variety," she said. "There are ways to improve the experience by understanding more about our body, our partner and the science involved."



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MEN'S BASKETBALL



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Sophomore shooting guard J'Covan Brown attempts a shot against Connecticut earlier this season. The Port Arthur native is averaging 9.2 points per game while leading Texas in free-throw percentage and has come into this year after an up-and-down freshman campaign.

By Dan Hurwitz
Daily Texan Staff

J'Covan Brown is fearless. So when it came to the Longhorns being down by one point with two seconds remaining against then-No. 8 Connecticut, Rick Barnes knew exactly who he wanted making the inbounds pass. "When you play this game, you can't be afraid," Brown said. "Sometimes you will turn the ball over, sometimes you won't." In the midst of his best offensive performance of the season, J'Covan Brown went to the huddle during a time-out with only two seconds remaining in over-

time and his team down by one to Connecticut. During the discussion, Brown let head coach Rick Barnes know that he wanted the ball. Not to take the final shot, but to make the inbounds pass. With a season-high 20 points from seven of 14 shooting and two late clutch free-throws to send the game into overtime, Brown stood from the sideline a few feet inside the half-court line. After looking for a double-teamed Jordan Hamilton, Brown found Cory Joseph across the court who missed the final shot in an 82-81 loss to then-No. 8 UConn on Jan. 8 at the Frank Erwin Center.

Even if Brown hadn't asked Barnes to take the final inbounds pass, he still would have been assigned to it. "He's not afraid to throw it. He's not afraid," Barnes said after the UConn game. "You've got to have somebody that's willing to pull the trigger and he's not afraid to the throw the ball. That's probably more important than the guy that's going to catch and shoot it." Not only is Brown not afraid to make a risky pass, take a final shot — which he did at the end of regulation that clanked off the rim — or be at the free

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Corey Leamon | Daily Texan Staff
J'Covan Brown cracks a smile on the court in a recent game. The second-year guard has become a clutch player for the Longhorns this season.



Allen Otto | Daily Texan file photo
Cory Joseph, left, Dogus Balbay, center, and Alexis Wangmene, right, scramble on the defensive end against Connecticut.

Team's chemistry much improved

By Will Anderson
Daily Texan Staff

It's hard to compare this year's team with the one from last season. For starters, the 2009-10 squad had three eventual NBA draft picks, not to mention a top-5 recruiting class. They reached No. 1 in the nation for the first time in school history. Somehow, that team imploded — a long, slow self-destruction that ended in a first-round NCAA tournament exit. As more and more comes out, it seems as though some mysterious toxin poisoned the leadership well and gradually sapped the play-

ers of motivation. No one outside the team knows exactly what happened and most of the coaches and players want to move on, but we do know there was tension in the locker room arising from some unspoken strain. Gary Johnson once compared it to a disease. J'Covan Brown recalled how it felt more like a group of individuals than any sort of cohesive unit. The chemistry is improved this season, that much is clear. It is hard to extrapolate facts about last season's team, so let's look at what we know about this year's. Seniors Johnson, Dogus Balbay and Matt Hill are a tight-knit group. During the national anthem,

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WOMEN'S BASKETBALL

Texas looks to win first Big 12 match, eliminate turnovers

Effort pleases Goestenkers, improved decision-making latest obstacle for Horns

By Alexandra Carreno
Daily Texan Staff

For the Longhorns, finding a light at the end of the dark tunnel of this season has been difficult. But tonight, that light could come in the form of proper decision making in a critical conference game against Texas A&M. "It's all about our decision making," said head coach Gail Goestenkers. "Our effort is fine; I don't have a problem with that. Now we've got to make

better decisions." Texas (11-6, 0-3) arrives in College Station today, in the midst of a three-game losing streak — all against Big 12 opponents — with their most recent loss stemming from an overtime heartbreaker against No. 14 Oklahoma. This season, the Longhorns have been continually plagued by turnovers and a lack of transition play. Last Sunday's game against the Sooners was no different as the Longhorns turned the ball over 23 times. Tonight's game features a No. 6 Aggie squad who leads the nation in turnover mar-

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FOOTBALL

Former player returns to coach secondary

Jerry Gray, left, roamed the defensive backfield for the Longhorns from 1981-84 before playing 10 seasons in the NFL. Gray was named defensive backs coach Monday.



Daily Texan file photo

By Jon Parrett
Daily Texan Staff

Texas moved one step closer to filling up its coaching staff vacancies Monday, naming Jerry Gray assistant coach and defensive backs coach. Gray, a former Longhorn defensive back, played for nine seasons in the NFL and spent 14 years as an assistant coach in the league, including five seasons as a defensive coordinator. "This is truly an exciting opportunity for me and my family," Gray said Monday. "Not very many guys get the chance to come back and coach where they played, and to do that at a place that is as special as Texas. It's just an unbelievable opportunity." Gray spent the past season as the defensive backs coach for the Seattle Seahawks. Gray was the defensive co-

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6	Iowa State	1-2
7	Kansas State	1-2
8	Nebraska	1-2
9	Missouri	1-2
10	Oklahoma State	1-3
11	Colorado	1-3
12	Texas	0-3

BIG 12 MEN'S BASKETBALL

1	Kansas	3-0
2	Texas A&M	3-0
3	Texas	2-0
4	Colorado	3-1
5	Missouri	2-2
6	Nebraska	2-2
7	Baylor	2-2
8	Iowa State	1-2
9	Oklahoma State	1-2
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gin, forcing their most recent opponent, Missouri, to 18 turnovers in the first half of play.

In what will be the 79th meeting between Texas and Texas A&M, the Longhorns must adapt to the physicality of the Aggies' game. The last time the two squads met, back in March of 2010, Texas A&M capitalized on an impressive second-half run to send Texas packing in the quarterfinals of the Big 12 Tournament.

"Texas A&M has a lot of talent and they've been the most physical team in the Big 12 from top-to-bottom," Goestenkers said. "Our players have not handled the physicalness of their game very well in the past. We've lost our poise, we've lost our composure."

But while Goestenkers' squad has been losing, many players have continued to shine. Freshman Chassidy Fussell leads the way in points per game for the squad, averaging a team-best 20 points per game in Texas' last three games. Senior Kathleen Nash has been averaging 15.6 points per game, followed by juniors Ashleigh Fontenette with 14.1 and Yvonne Anderson with 11.8. The Longhorns are the only squad in the Big 12 Conference with three top-20 scorers.

"We're close, we've just got to get

over the hump," Goestenkers said. "We are finding a way to play really hard, and play together, but now we've got to find a way to win."

Finding a way to win against a Texas A&M squad that boasts an impressive 15-1 record will prove to be a true test for Texas. The Aggies are off to their best Big 12 Conference play start in the program's history at 3-0.

"We've just got to gear up and go and put 100 percent into the Texas game," said Aggie head coach Gary Blair on Tuesday during his weekly press conference. "It's fun to play Texas. We know they're going to give us their best"

The in-state rivals meet tonight for not only an opportunity to add an additional win to their record, but also a valuable 0.5 points to their overall total for the State Farm Lone Star Showdown, in its seventh season. Texas currently leads Texas A&M this season by a count of four to two.

Rivalry aside, Goestenkers hopes her team can pull themselves out of their slump.

"Texas A&M plays great defense and shares the ball well," Goestenkers said. "Against great teams, you need to take advantage of every opportunity; you find a way to win."



Eric Gay | Associated Press
Junior guard Yvonne Anderson attempts a shot over a Baylor player during the Longhorns' 72-87 loss to the Bears.

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throw line when the game is on the line, he isn't scared of anything.

Not spiders, not the dark, not even heights. Or at least, he claims.

His fearless mentality comes from growing up on "the streets" of Port Arthur. Crime is common in Port Arthur and it is easy to get involved.

"When you are outside on the streets, there are only two things you can do: play basketball or be a drug dealer," Brown said. "I tried to never get involved with the outside life. When I bumped my head a couple times, I knew this was not the type of life I wanted to live."

Brown realized that basketball was his ticket out of Port Arthur. He saw how current NBA player Stephen Jackson and his cousin, former Longhorn B.J. Tyler, were able to get out of that region of Southeast Texas and become stars.

Brown quickly became a star in high school after transferring to Port Arthur's Memorial High School.

But in his senior year, Brown hit one of those bumps. Only a few games into the season, Brown received a technical foul in the first half of a game in which he did not return. To make things worse, he removed his jersey and exited the gym with less than a minute left in the game that his team lost. Brown was later suspended for the remainder of the season.

To add insult to injury, Brown was unable to enroll at Texas following high school because of academic problems and not much later his Uncle Jeffrey, who is responsible for discovering the name J'Covan, passed away.

"That was a turning point for my life right there," Brown said. "When that happened, I asked God for another chance, and I told him I would never mess it up again."

His next chance involved him becoming academically eligible and allowing him to play in the 2009-10 season. In his freshman year, Brown began the season coming off the bench and finished the season in the starting rotation because of injuries to

Dogus Balbay and Varez Ward.

With Balbay healthy again, Brown is back to the bench. Although he may start the game on the sideline, he has embraced the role of being the sixth man. Every game, Brown stands in front of his seat along the sideline yelling instructions and words of encouragement to those on the court. Until he is called to go into the game — usually three or four minutes into the game — Brown remains on his feet.

"Whatever it takes for my team to get rolling I'm going to do it," Brown said. "I think my voice helps during the game. I'm trying to be that extra man to look at if everything's not right."

His teammates would agree. Well, at least the ones who are on the court. Others on the bench sometimes have difficulties seeing around Brown, but no one has confronted him about it yet.

"Yeah, it's Coach J'Covan Brown. You know, one day he's going to be a coach and he as all the traits to be one," said freshman starter Tristan Thompson.

Part of this new attitude comes with Barnes not being satisfied with Brown's body language at times last season.

"His body language was always about his insecurity and him being frustrated with himself," Barnes said. "He gets disappointed because he's one of those guys who thinks he can do it right every time."

Though he was frustrated with himself, it didn't help last season with the Longhorns losing 10 of its last 17 games.

"Last year, I didn't get the whole body language part," Brown said. "It's a day-to-day process. It's just a mental thing. I don't try to get upset about too many things anymore."

Instead, Brown has made sure to bring positive energy to the team.

"Coach [Barnes] always says a national championship team starts from a bench with everyone bringing energy," Brown said.

Brown has welcomed the role, maybe even a little too much, as referees have begun telling him to sit down.

But Brown isn't afraid of the referees.

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ordinator for the Buffalo Bills from 2001-2005, coaching the Bills to the second-ranked defense in 2002 and 2003. Gray then served as defensive backs coach for the Washington Redskins from 2006-2009 and was interviewed for the head coaching position in Washington before joining the Seattle staff.

The Lubbock native was a four-year letterman at Texas from 1981 to 1984, and is one of only seven Longhorns to be named a two-time consensus all-American, in 1983 and 1984. His 16 interceptions rank third all-time in school history, and he was inducted into the Longhorn Hall of Honor in 1996. Gray was selected 21st overall in the 1985 NFL draft by the Los Angeles Rams and made the Pro Bowl four times before retiring in 1993.

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you can find Johnson, head down, standing between the other two with his arms on their shoulders. All three say their greatest bonds on the team are with their fellow seniors.

It translates well onto the court where the team takes its defensive cues from Balbay — the best perimeter defender on the roster — and Johnson. In practice, neither is afraid to get after the younger guys, but they also seem to have the respect of their juniors.

Secondly, a more defined offense means more defined roles. The high pick and roll is an integral part of the offense, and ball movement seems like a real priority rather than an afterthought or a last choice when a play breaks down. Three players have at least 40 assists.

That doesn't mean there isn't room for some overlap. Jordan

Hamilton, Cory Joseph or even Jai Lucas can handle the perimeter shooting in a game. Tristan Thompson is usually the initial option inside, but in some sets the first look might be Johnson.

Hamilton is the leading scorer, but the picture gets fuzzier after that. Three other players have led the team in scoring this season. Thompson, Johnson and Joseph are all within 1.4 points of each other in points averaged.

It's hard to decipher the truth when the image presented by the players is all smiles and head coach Rick Barnes focuses so intently on each game he doesn't have time to compare this team to years past. However, we should have a better idea after Wednesday's game, the Longhorns' third in conference play.

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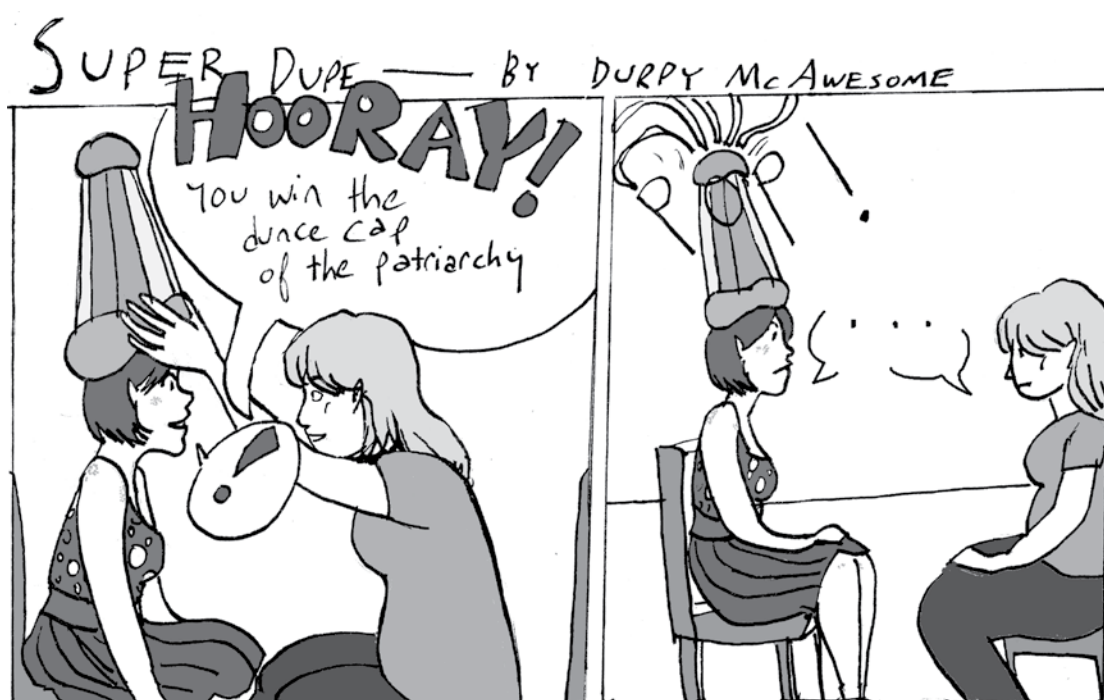
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- Friends and neighbors
- Bend one's elbow, e.g.
- Cornered
- Start of an incantation
- Wash up
- "On the Beach" author
- Hard-boiled crime genre
- Aesir ruler
- Perfect Sleeper maker
- Athlete who has pigged out on snacks at a bar?
- Interstate-championing prez
- Strippers' tips, often
- Explosive of old
- Special treatment, for short

Down

- 29 "___ geht's?" (German "How are you?")
- 30 ___ pro nobis
- 31 Chief heckler?
- 36 Skewer
- 37 Place for a Dumpster
- 38 Juan's "what"
- 39 Lavender, for one
- 40 Pesky arachnid
- 41 Skydiver's amended plans?
- 43 Troop-entertaining grp.
- 44 Cara ___ (Italian term of endearment)
- 45 Performer yucking it up
- 46 Friend from afar
- 48 Ticked
- 50 Indy letters
- 53 Insulation from jokes?
- 56 Rodeo ride

- 58 Astronomy's ___ cloud
- 59 Brand for woofers, but not tweeters?
- 60 Cultural prefix
- 61 Purple shade
- 62 Sound from a steeple
- 63 Core belief
- 64 Critic's unit
- 65 Primordial stuff

Down

- 1 Japanese writing system
- 2 Old Apple laptop
- 3 Brief moment
- 4 "Listen!", old-style
- 5 Walk with jerky motions
- 6 Chili server
- 7 Escapes from Pandora's box
- 8 Alien: Prefix
- 9 Take on
- 10 Angle symbol, in trigonometry
- 11 Explode like a puffball
- 12 "Boston Legal" fig.
- 13 Truly, in the Bible
- 14 Unwise under-taking
- 22 Brand once advertised with the jingle "We wear short shorts ..."
- 26 Circular gasket
- 27 Barista's offering
- 28 Back into a corner
- 29 Roo-hoo

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- 31 Copier malfunction
- 32 Beethoven dedicatee
- 33 "Rocket Man" rocker
- 34 Pastel hue
- 35 Scat syllable
- 36 Bernie Madoff's hedge fund, e.g.
- 39 Paradoxical offering
- 41 Leave high and dry
- 42 Say "Hey, batter batter batter" and such
- 44 Mr. Met, for one
- 47 Tubular pasta
- 48 Mosaic artist's material
- 49 Spanish poet García ___
- 50 Fifth-century canonized pope
- 51 Birthstone for many Scorpions
- 52 Working stiff
- 54 The old man
- 55 Banjo accessory
- 56 Double or nothing, e.g.
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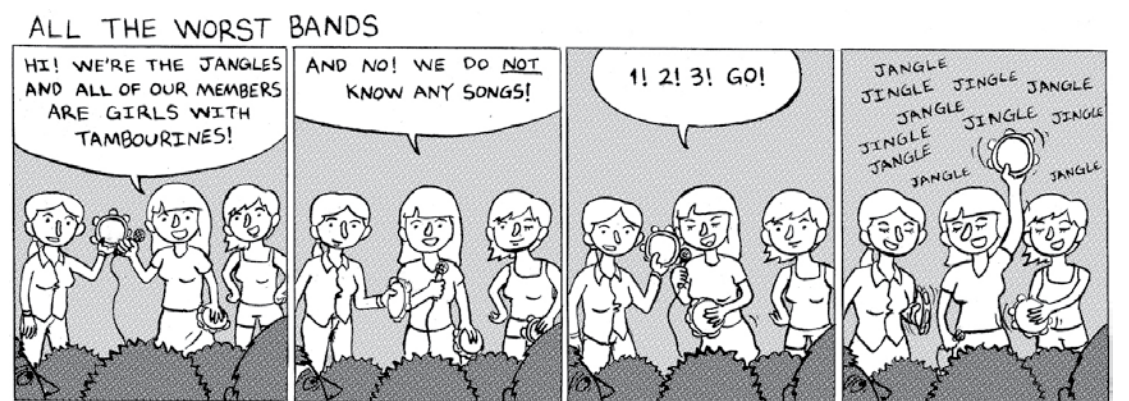
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you are currently reading. You can e-mail friends and family a quirky or inspirational quote you stumble upon. The rise of eBooks must be due, in part, to our growing need for interactivity.

Last summer IDEO released a video demonstrating three prototypes for iPad reading apps. The first, Nelson, allows users to “discover writings based on the impact they’ve had on popular opinion or debate,” according to IDEO, and quickly double-check the reliability of sources (I’m looking at you, “An Inconvenient Truth”). Another app, Alice, “invites the reader to engage in the story-telling process,” enabling users to unlock plot twists by physically travelling to specific geographic locations, or adding to the stories themselves.

It seems that the book is slowly morphing from a solitary work of art to a living, breathing organism. Of course, this is nothing new. The ancient Greeks weren’t too keen on hardcover novels themselves. This is because we, as humans, thirst for context, meaning and socialization. This is why David Foster Wallace fans flock to exhibits that house his scribbled marginal notes. While there’s some allure to the mystery of never again having the ability to ask a deceased author what their intentions were, in a culture fueled by mass interactivity (#checkmeoutontwitter), more and more of us seem to adhere

to the mind-set that if we can’t watch an interview with an author on Craig Ferguson, their book isn’t worth our time.

So if print literature is dying, it’s likely because the poster boys of the craft are dead.

“Eat your vegetables, read your Faulkner,” another professor of mine said when her typical string of “cool” assignments was interrupted by “Light In August.” Although students grumbled, bragged about getting a B- on the test in spite of only skimming the Sparknotes and were probably less inclined to fill out her electronic evaluation sheet, I tend to agree with her as well.

Most eye-catching, experimental pieces of literature are still rooted, intentionally or not, in the works that established the foundations of the craft. Shakespeare parodies abound — from steampunk stories to gothic fiction. It’s nearly impossible to find praise for a modern author that doesn’t compare him or her to someone more notable (dazzling McCarthyesque prose! A Joycean tour de force of something-or-other!), so it couldn’t hurt to read the basics.

But what I suggest is that we not only eat our vegetables, but cultivate our gardens, spicing up our literary repertoires with local ingredients. Lucky for us, we live in Austin, where savory literary events and blossoming talent need not be imported.

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The words and their definitions include the passionately sincere (“breathtaking, adj. Those mornings when we kiss and surrender for an hour before we say a single word”), the sweet and mundane (“qualm, n. There is no reason to make fun of me for flossing twice a day”) and the wryly humorous (“celibacy, n. n/a”). The entries read more like prose poetry than a typical novel.

The anonymous male narrator is shy and withdrawn, uncomfortable at parties and revels in spending time with his journal. The narrator’s partner, also anonymous, is gregarious, impulsive and feels most at home being the center of attention. These differences account for the couple’s electric attraction, but also open up the doors for the insecurities and resentments that threaten to tear them apart. For example, her drinking, which at first is charming, is later the crux of several arguments.

Levithan doesn’t allow the romance of “The Lover’s Dictionary” to become too sweet; the brief novel is also tinged with sadness and heartbreak. The entries range from silly to poignant to painful, and although some entries are as short as one line, each is a micro-story that contributes to the overall narrative.

Unfortunately, the character of the partner often makes it difficult to fully connect to the narrator’s emotional ups and downs — while the narrator obviously cares deeply about his partner’s happiness, the partner often flirts right in his face and shows no discernible regard for his feelings.

Despite this, Levithan has a knack for creating a compulsively readable story. “The Lover’s Dictionary” is made for spontaneous, easy-to-read browsing. “A Lover’s Dictionary” isn’t revelatory by any means, but it’s undeniably addictive, enchanting and satisfying to read.

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simple problem to be solved; either an opportunity to gain leads from a possible suspect or a chance to save someone from dying. You often find a dead body at a new scene, gather clues from speaking to their spirit and then rewind time to four minutes before their murder. By hovering your stylus over the screen and taking possession of various objects, you work your way around the environments and discover the clever logic behind each puzzle. These tasks can often lead to trial-and-error repetition, but the game does an excellent job of balancing puzzles with colorful dialogue that often gives a hint to a problem without addressing the solution directly.

Once you befriend a recently deceased pompadoured pup by the name of Missile and save him from his cruel fate, it becomes apparent that “Ghost Trick” has a lot more going for it than mystery and logic puzzles. Everything about the game oozes personality and charm. The characters have a European influence that sets them apart and are lovingly animated in a style that recalls the rotoscope technology of a bygone era, also found in games such as “Prince of Persia” and “Flashback.” The soundtrack of smooth jazz complimented by wonky synths also helps set the mood.

Most of all it’s the dialogue that drives “Ghost Trick” forward and makes it such a great, interactive mystery story.

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direction, personal and professional, the hero feels as though he’s hitting a brick wall. But hope still shines for him when a producer green lights a long-gestating script to cash in on the latest werewolf craze — and this poor shmuck realizes this might be his last chance at his dreams.

It’s not particularly new ground, but this story of a struggling artist feels heartily personal. It’s told with a knowing sense of humor, where the gags aren’t designed to draw laughter but instead a breath and a nod. Harkham’s love for genre B-movies (he runs Cinefamily, a well-regarded repository cinema in West Hollywood) shines through with the story’s attention to detail, at one point illustrating the practical effects behind melting faces in monster movies.

Harkham’s art also focuses on details in the settings of the story — the illustrations of the spaces the characters interact in reflect their internal states. He perfectly captures the sleaze of a Hollywood party, the quiet bedroom just before the baby begins to cry and the messy closets that film editors toil in.

The characters find peace in small, repeated actions. He draws numerous panels of their detailed tasks, where their skills as artisans shine and life becomes simple again. For example, one 12-panel illustration follows the steps of cooking a chicken, rice and vegetable dinner. This is contrasted later with an outrageously hedonistic costume party where the panels balloon into varying sizes, reflecting the disorder of the scene. On the exact opposite page, Harkham

returns to order with images of his wife nursing their crying baby, the panels locked in a tight grid of sobriety.

For Harkham, the contrast and the friction between the two is where life exists. Though the characters engage in the extremes of wild fantasies and domestic responsibility, their mundane existence together, as flawed as it is, is what Harkham emphasizes as being human.

A great deal of Harkham’s comics, including the first two issues of “Crickets,” can be found online at whatthingsdo.com. “Crickets #3” can be found in comic book stores everywhere and can be ordered directly from Sammy Harkham’s bookstore Family Los Angeles at store.familylosangeles.com.

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An admired English professor of mine seems weary of, if not altogether opposed to, the notion of including Hemingway, Joyce, Chekov and Lawrence — a crew he jokingly refers to as “the dead white guys” — in his otherwise kaleidoscopic curriculum. While favoring fresh, even bizarre prose to classic works that have stood the test of time may seem whimsical, I tend to agree with him.

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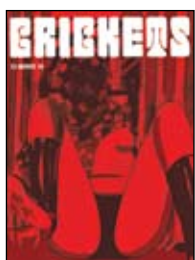
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By Ao Meng
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The long-awaited third issue from one of the most influential figures in comics of the last decade, Los Angeles-based Sammy Harkham’s self-published “Crickets #3: Sex Morons” features three stories following the conflicts between the perimeters of the human character and the realities of daily existence.

Harkham is best known as the editor of the extremely influential “Kramers Ergot” series (and the more recent out-of-left-field-but-completely-unsurprisingly-awesome “Bart Simpson’s Treehouse of Horror #15”). Around the fourth issue — released in 2003 — Harkham’s anthology became the firmest landmark of the entire art comics scene. Each volume grew in size and scope until the colossal “#7,” a titanic tome nearly the size of a full-grown man.

Harkham’s status as a perennial tastemaker probably comes from his deep understanding of the me-



Crickets #3 “Sex Morons” / “Idioti Di Sesso”

by Sammy Harkham

Genre: Short Fiction

Pages: 48, two-color

For those who like: Dan Clowes, Jordan Crane, Seth

Grade: B

one of the more accessible offerings, especially in the company of wildly experimental cartoonists such as Ben Jones (“B.J. and Da Dogs”), Renee French (“H Day”) and Marc Bell (“Hot Potatoe”).

Don’t mistake that accessibility for shallowness. Harkham’s comics revolve around recurring themes of family, conflicting responsibilities and aspirations. He’s got a sharp focus on what he’s interested in — the daily pain and breathless joys of men who strive and struggle to be upstanding human beings. His protagonists are

cal cartoon and a comic adaptation of a part of Franz Kafka’s diary, with just enough room to print the thank yous sideways in a two-inch space. There follows a previously published piece, “The New Yorker Story,” that follows the last 24 hours of a Yale University literature professor as he attempts to finish a story for The New Yorker. It’s similarly dense, with around 100 panels crammed into four pages.

The effect is similar to the opening credits to Gaspar Noé’s 2009 film “Enter the Void,” which were designed to obliterate the outside world and entirely plunge the audience into the artist’s fiction with sensory overload. After “The New Yorker Story,” Harkham slows the reader down, first with a vignette of a three-minute conversation held during a chance smoke break. After that, the issue launches into “Blood of the Virgin,” which makes up the meat of “#3.”

“Blood of the Virgin” is set in the fall of 1971, centering around an aspiring Jewish filmmaker as he tries to make it in the Hollywood studio system. In every

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It’s told with a knowing sense of humor, where the gags aren’t designed to draw laughter but instead a breath and a nod.

dium. He’s a damn fine cartoonist too, with a simple and loose style of thin, powerful lines done with a rapidograph pen that evoke the workmanship of classic strip cartoonists such as George Herriman (“Krazy Kat”) or Will Eisner (“A Contract With God”). His contributions to “Kramers” were always

usually unassuming Jewish men and young fathers.

The first page of “Crickets #3” is crammed with information, featuring an illustrative piece, a remembrance piece memorializing five cartoonists who died between the second and third issues, the colophon, a politi-

BOOK REVIEW

‘Dictionary’ redefines short, sweet reads

By Katie Stroh
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In his debut novel for adults, “The Lover’s Dictionary,” David Levithan — an author already well-known in the young adult novel circuit — applies an unusual format and his signature earnest sweetness to tell a modern love story of an unnamed couple experiencing love’s highs and lows.

“The Lover’s Dictionary” is literally formatted like a dictionary, with nearly 200 definitions arranged in alphabetical order. However, Levithan replaces the dry, detached definitions of a typical dictionary with



“The Lover’s Dictionary”

by David Levithan

Genre: Fiction

Pages: 211

For those who like:

John Green, Rachel Cohn

Grade: B

short vignettes that tell of a couple who meet online and embark upon a passionate yet tumultuous relationship. This is how Levithan

attempts to define a concept as nebulous and elusive as love.

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VIDEO GAME REVIEW

‘Ghost Trick’ plays on handheld’s perks

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“Ghost Trick: Phantom Detective” has a bit more up its sleeve than other adventure games on the DS. After nearly 10 years working on Capcom’s “Ace Attorney” franchise, series creator Shu Takumi has achieved something even greater with his latest creation.

By crafting a game and narrative that makes the most of the hardware, Takumi has given DS owners what could be one of the last gems of the system’s dwindling shelf life. His admiration of detective novels shines through in every aspect of “Ghost Trick,” making the six to 10 hours you’ll spend in the night of a ghost solving his own murder an unlikely pairing of a good mystery and the colorful, quirky characters that have populated Takumi’s previous titles.

Upon starting the game, you enter the role of a lifeless corpse hidden away in a junkyard. It doesn’t exactly hint at great game design possibilities, but it does make for a good mystery. Soon enough, you depart from the protagonist’s body and manipulate inanimate objects that populate each level in an effort to find out your name, your murderer and why you are in possession of these powers.

Originally devised as a game much broader in scope and multiple methods of input, “Ghost Trick” has been stripped down to its bare essentials since it was initially planned in 2004.

Like the best DS titles, all you need is the stylus in your hand as you tap and drag across the screen — the most basic, tactile methods that remain novel. The bottom screen displays the environment with objects you can possess marked by a blue flame, while the top screen gives a

Ghost Trick: Phantom Detective

by Capcom®

Genre: Adventure

Platform: Nintendo DS

For those who like:

Ace Attorney, Detective Novels

Grade: B

close-up of the selected object and the action it can perform. As complicated as this may seem in theory, there is always an apparent, linear path that the objects in the environment lead you down. The trick is in timing and awareness.

Each stage gives the player a

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